
SENATE BILL 6224

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By Senator King

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1 AN ACT Relating to transportation project delivery; amending RCW
2 47.20.785; creating a new section; and providing a contingent
3 expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.20.785 and 2006 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department of transportation (~~may~~) is authorized and
8 strongly encouraged to use the design-build procedure for public works
9 projects over ten million dollars (~~where~~) when:

10 (a) The construction activities are highly specialized and a
11 design-build approach is critical in developing the construction
12 methodology; or

13 (b) The projects selected provide opportunity for greater
14 innovation and efficiencies between the designer and the builder; or

15 (c) Significant savings in project delivery time would be realized.

16 (2) To test the applicability of the design-build procedure on
17 smaller projects and specialty projects, the department may conduct up
18 to five pilot projects on projects that cost between two and ten
19 million dollars. The department shall evaluate these pilot projects

1 with respect to cost, time to complete, efficiencies gained, if any,
2 and other pertinent information to facilitate analysis regarding the
3 further use of the design-build process on projects of this size. This
4 subsection expires upon the completion of the five pilot projects
5 authorized under this subsection.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of transportation must
7 convene an expert review panel to examine the department's
8 implementation and use of design-build contracting under RCW 47.20.785.

9 (2) The expert review panel must provide a report detailing any
10 recommended changes or improvements that the department of
11 transportation should make to the design-build process in order to
12 maximize cost and schedule efficiencies and ensure that design risk is
13 borne by the appropriate party. The report is due to the
14 transportation committees of the legislature and the governor by
15 December 1, 2014.

16 (3) The expert review panel must be comprised of five members, two
17 of which are nationally recognized experts in the field of design-build
18 project delivery, a representative from the association of general
19 contractors, a representative from the American council of engineering
20 companies of Washington, and a representative from the department of
21 transportation. The two nationally recognized experts must be selected
22 cooperatively by the chairs and ranking members of the senate and house
23 transportation committees from of a list of five to seven proposed
24 candidates provided by the secretary of transportation and the
25 governor. The chair of the expert review panel must be designated by
26 the appointing authorities. The two experts serving on the panel must
27 be compensated at a rate commensurate with their experience, including
28 reimbursement for expenses according to RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
29 The department of transportation must provide all staff support that
30 the expert review panel requires.

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